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TAGS: MASS, ES, HO

SUBJECT: MIMEX HELICOPTER OFFER

REF: STATE 021201 (DTG 281539Z JAN 76)

1. IN RESPONSE TO REFTEL, HONDURAS HAS NOT HAD OPPORTUNITY TO ACQUIRE HELICOPTERS UNDER SAME TERMS AND CONDITION AS EL SALVADOR.

2. TWO ARMY MIMEX OFFERS CONCERNING UH-1B HELICOPTERS HAVE BEEN RECEIVED:

(A) MIMEX OFFER NO. 1423 RECEIVED BY CINCSO MESSAGE 192140Z SEP 75. TOTAL AMOUNTS INVOLVED WERE \$48,952 EACH PURCHASE PRICE; \$97,902 EACH OVERHAUL; \$10,000 EACH TRANSFER COSTS.

(B) MIMEX OFFER NO. 1500 RECEIVED BY CDRAMC MESSAGE 131602Z JAN 76. TOTAL AMOUNTS INVOLVED WERE \$48,953 EACH PURCHASE PRICE; \$97,902 EACH OVERHAUL; \$10,000 EACH TRANSFER COSTS.

3. HONDURAN AUTHORITIES ARE PRESENTLY CONSIDERING ACQUISITION OF FOUR UH-1B HELICOPTERS BASED ON MIMEX OFFER NO. 1500. DISCUSSIONS ON THE SUBJECT HAVE BEEN CONDUCTED BETWEEN MILGP REPRESENTATIVES AND THE FOLLOWING INDIVIDUALS: CHIEF OF AIR FORCE; CHIEF OF ARMED FORCES; CHIEF OF STAFF,  
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ARMED FORCES GENERAL STAFF. SUSPENSE DATE FOR RESPONSE

TO MIMEX OFFER NO. 1500 IS 10 FEBRUARY 76.

4. FIRM OFFERS FOR APPROVED ACQUISITIONS UNDER FY 75 FMSCR ARRIVED TEGUCIGALPA 28 JANUARY 76. COMUSMILGP BELIEVES SUFFICIENT CREDITS WILL BE AVAILABLE FROM FY 75 FMSCR PROGRAM TO FUND A MAJOR PORTION, IF NOT ALL, OF THE CONTEMPLATED HELICOPTER PURCHASE. THIS DETERMINATION MUST AWAIT RECONSIDERATION OF FY 75 FMSCR PROGRAM BY HONDURAN AUTHORITIES.

5. THE EL SALVADOR HELICOPTER PACKAGE BEING CONSIDERED BY THE DEPARTMENT APPEARS TO BE A REASONABLE AND APPROPRIATE PURCHASE. A SIMILAR PACKAGE DEAL HAS BEEN RECOMMENDED TO HONDURAN AUTHORITIES.

6. REQUEST NECESSARY ACTION BE TAKEN TO INSURE SAME TERMS AND CONDITION PERTAIN FOR A UH-1B HELICOPTER PURCHASE BY HONDURAS AS FOR A SIMILAR PURCHASE BY EL SALVADOR.  
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